GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2461
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total degraded land are in the country at present. State-wise ;

(b) whether the Government propose to bring this land under Watershed Development Programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof, Statewise;

(d) whether the Union Government and NABARD are providing funds for these Watershed Development Programmes;

(e) if so, the details thereof, Statewise; and

(f) the progress made through utilization of this fund in the current financial year ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) As per the `Wasteland Atlas of India,2000` brought out by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad using Remote Sensing Technologies, the total extent of wastelands/degraded lands in the country is 63.85 m. ha. The State-wise details are given at Annexure.I.

(b) & (c) The Department of Land Resources is implementing three major Programmes for the development of wastelands and degraded lands on watershed basis w.e.f.1.4.1995, namely Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP).The State-wise details of the projects sanctioned under these Programme is given at Annexure.II.

(d), (e) & (f) A Watershed Development Fund (WDF) for Rs.200 crores comprising NABARD contribution of Rs.100 crores and matching contribution of Rs.100 crores by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has been established at NABARD with the objective of integrated Watershed Development in 100 priority districts in the country through participatory approach. As per the programme of operation, 14 States will be covered in two Phases (6 States in Phase-I and 8 States in Phase-II).States in Phase-I include Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra,

Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh and States in Phase II include Bihar, Haryana,Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kartnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil nadu and West Bengal. Two third of the allocation from the WDF will be loan to the State Government at an interest rate of 9.5% for watershed development and remaining one third will be for grant based activities covering promotional efforts and capacity building.

NABARD has entered into Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh for their participation in the WDF. Government of Gujarat and Maharashtra were advised by the NABARD that loan of Rs.20 crores each is available under WDF. So far, three Capacity Building Projects (CBPs) in Gujarat and two CBPs in Orissa have been sanctioned by NABARD.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2461 DUE FOR RE ON 13.03.2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF STATE-WISE WASTELANDS IN THE COUNTRY (Area in Sq. kms.)

S. No.	State	No.of districts covered	Total Geog. Area of dist.	Total Wastelands covered area in dist.	Covered
1	Andhra Pradesh	23	275068.00	51750.19	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13	83743.00	18326.25	
3	Assam	23	78438.00	20019.17	

4 Bihar	55	173877.00	20997.55
5 Goa	02	3702.00	613.27
6 Gujarat	25	196024.00	43021.28
7 Haryana	19	44212.00	3733.98
8 Himachal Pradesh	12	55673.00	31659.00
9 Jammu and Kashmir	14	222236.00	65444.24
10 Karnataka	27	191791.00	20839.28
11 Kerala	14	38863.00	1448.18
12 Madhya Pradesh	62	443446.00	69713.75
13 Maharashtra	32	307690.00	53489.08
14 Manipur	09	22327.00	12948.62
15 Meghalaya	07	22429.00	9904.38
16 Mizoram	03	21081.00	4071.68
17 Nagaland	07	16579.00	8404.10
18 Orissa	30	155707.00	21341.71
19 Punjab	17	50362.00	2228.40
20 Rajasthan	32	342239.00	105639.11
21 Sikkim	04	7096.00	3569.58
22 Tripura	04	10486.00	1276.03
23 Tamil Nadu	29	130058.00	23013.90
24 Uttar Pradesh	83	294411.00	38772.80
25 West Bengal	18	88752.00	5718.48
26 Union Territories	20	10973.00	574.30
Total	584	3287263.00	638518.31

Annexure-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE
LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2461 FOR REPLY ON 13.03.2001.

The Statement showing State-wise details of projects sanctioned under Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) Schemes of the Department of Land Resources during 1997-98 to 2000-01

(upto 05.03.2001).

S. No.	State	(IWDP)	(DPAP)	DDP
1.	Andhra Pradesh	21	1922	256
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	-	-
3.	Assam	8	-	-
4.	Bihar	-	247+	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	1	-	-
6.	Gujarat	19	483	697
7	Haryana	1	-	320
8.	Himachal Pradesh	14	94	203
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	132	205
10.	Jharkhand	1	-	-
11.	Karnataka	14	514	377
12.	Madhya Pradesh	21	1119++	-
13.	Maharashtra	13	797	-
14.	Meghalaya	2	-	-
15.	Manipur	7	-	-
16.	Mizoram	4		
17.	Nagaland	8	-	-

18. Orissa	14	111	-
19. Rajasthan	19	289	1564
20. Sikkim	5	-	-
21. Tamil Nadu	18	402	-
22. Uttar Pradesh	26	583#	-
23. Uttaranchal	2	-	-
24. West Bengal	-	60	-
Total	222	6753	3622

+ Includes the projects of Jahrkhand.
++ Includes the projects of Chhattisgarh.
# Includes the projects of Uttaranchal.